Printing, advertising, etc.—	
McKlheran & McCann	10 50
Free Press account	169 99
ADVERTISER account	534 00
R. Wigmore, postage account	1 20
Law expenses—	
W. R. Meredith	1,433 33
Total	$ 6,738 46

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT.

Streets, etc.—	
Pay sheet	$ 213 22
Pay sheet	133 17
Pay sheet	77 69
Douglas & Cathro	600 00
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Victoria Park—	
Geo. Colbert	35 86
Sewers—	
Mulhall & Harding	40 00
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Total	$1,409 94

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT.

Market, etc.—	
Geo. McNeill	18 60
John Bonser	12 60
McBride & Phillips	22 69
Street watering—	
J. D. Findlater	54 75
Wonnacott & Coppinger	9 35
Street lamps—	
D. Fraser	14 75
W. Ironside	135 55
Fire Department—	
Pay sheet	860 87
Jas. Wright & Co	9 92
Plastow Bros	1 30
T. Green & Co	3 92
Wonacott & Coppinger	69 53
J. B. Smyth	54 98
Loughrey & Tackaberry	11 50
J. H. Tennent	1 50
W. [illegible] Strong	17 72
J. Wright & Co	2 15
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	6 29
Essex & Baillie	1 00
Mrs. Hayes	33 00
Samuel Stewart	80
Stevens, Turner & Burns	2 00
C. McCallum	2 00
R. A. Taylor	60
A. D. Cameron	2 45
Hospital—	
John Purdom	200 00
Samuel Flory	220 70
Pay sheet	194 00
W. Stevely	70 00
Thos. Brock	12 00
W. Dodson	117 66
J. B. Smyth	26 21
John Purdom	58 33
Fred. Heaver	4 50
Reid Bros. & Co	4 50
J. Shanahan	57 51
D. Carroll	76 76
J. T. Hulse	4 86
Thos. Churcher	9 55
Wm. Johns	14 11
W. Hinton	18 50
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	177 88
Pigot & Bryan	7 40
Priddis Bros	9 00
C. W. Belton	4 85
C. McCallum	54 83
Total	$ 2,762 97

Relief accounts—	
Railroad passes	$ 10 45
Railroad passes	9 40
Street car passes	12 00
Mrs. Piney	3 31
Geo. McNeil	288 11
Wm. Hinton	44 0
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	51 50
Total	$ 421 77

FIFTH WARD ACCOUNTS.

Hartley & Son	$ 51 75
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	3 00
Moses Cox	300 00
C. Leathorn	34 82
M. Baldwin	37 48
Total	$ 427 05

ACCOUNTS OMITTED IN FORMER REPORT.

Mulhall & Harding	$ 40 00
Moses Cox	23 50
Wm. Smith	200 00
Plastow Bros	191 74
Total	$ 455 24
Grand total	12 215 43

2. That the petition of John Haywood for remission of income tax be granted. 3. That the petition of George E. Evans and D. Nolan, for exemption from sewer rate as ~~in former~~ years be granted and the Clerk be instructed to strike off the same from the rate of 1885. 4. That the income tax charged against James Fitzgerald be remitted, as he is assessed on personal property. 5. That the petition of Suan Howard for remission of taxes be granted remitting $6 10. 6. That the income tax of J. Parker (deceased), be struck off 1885 roll. 7. That the petitions of John Isaac and Mary Davidson, for rebate of taxes on account of vacant premises be referred to the Court of Revision. 8. That the petitions of A. W. Mitchell, W. J. Anderson, R. Thompson for remission of income, and John Siggins and J. W. Smith, reassessment, be filed as your Committe has no power. 9 That the account of A. S. Abbott, city clerk, amounting to $92 63, per assistance in copying collector's roll, be filed. 10. Your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of J. McKenzie re Salvation Army assessment, R. Hill & Co. re city directory, Clerk of Hamilton re immigration, and E. T. A. Orndoff re remission of taxes. 11. That the usual grant be made to the reporters of the ADVERTISER and Free Press. 12. Your Committee beg to submit statement from the Police Commissioner, showing $535 75 as the cost of police protection to No. 5 ward, and your Committee beg to recommend that 80 per cent. of said amount be charged against ward 5. 13. Your Committee submit the December report of the Police Court Clerk. 14. Your Committee, in presenting their last report, beg to refer as required by bylaw, to some of the matters brought before them during the year and to report the attendance of the members of your Committee; there have been 23 meetings called, and in every case a quorum has been present; His Worship Mayor Becher was present 19 times, absent ; Ald. Scarrow was present 23 times, absent 0; Ald. Green was present 22 times, absent 1; Ald. Cowan was present 20 times, absent 3; Ald. Browne was present 18 times, absent 5; Ald. Lilley was present 8 times, absent 2; Ald. Kingston (acting for Cowan) was present twice. 15. Your Committee have caused to be deposited to the credit of the several sinking funds the amounts collected in the taxes of the year, and funds now at their credit in the Bank of Montreal, as follows:

Sinking fund A (consolidated debentures)	$36,650 83
Sinking fund B (L., H. & B. R. R. bonds)	16 683 25
Sinking fund C (waterworks debentures)	21.688 12
Sinking fund D (debentures of 1883)	6,880 67
Total	$81,902 87
With amount invested in Salter's Grove	23,812 88
Total	$105,715 75

Making a total of $105,715 75, being the amount of sinking funds collected for the years 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, with accrued interest to Dec. 31, 1885.

Taken up clause by clause, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 passed; No. 8 discused.

Ald. Watson and Ald. Taylor moved that the Mitchell case be referred back to No. 1. Committee.

Ald. Scarrow rose to a point of order, holding that it was illegal to remit the taxes in question.

The Mayor held that the point was well taken, and ruled the motion out of order.

The petitions of Anderson and Thompson were filed, and that of Siggins was referred to the Court of Revision.

Ald. Lilley moved, and Ald. Toll seconded—That the taxes of widows Brymner (1885 and back taxes) and King (1885 taxes) be remitted on the ground of charity. Carried.

Clause 9 read. Ald. Taylor moved in amendment, and Ald. Hodgens seconded—That Mr. Abbott's account be paid. Carried.

Clause 10 read. Ald. Browne moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the taxes be remitted, it being a place of worship. Carried. Balance of clauses passed. Clauses 11 passed and 12 read.

Ald. Gardiner moved and Ald. Lilley seconded, in amendment—That only 60 per cent. be charged, as 80 per cent. was unjust. Lost and the clause and balance of the report was adopted.

THE CITY SOLICITOR'S BIG BILL.

Ald. Scarrow directed the attention of the Council to the City Solicitor's bill for legal services during the year. It was unusually large, and the committee had ordered the taxation of the bill, and the taxing-officer's certificate was attached.

Ald. Scarrow moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the bill be brought before the County Judge.

Ald. Lilley moved, and Ald. Gardiner seconded in amendment, that the bill be paid. Carried.

REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH.

By Ald. Cowan, chairman: Having found following accounts correct, recommend their payment: Dr. Hutchinson, vaccinating in No. 1 ward, $171; Thos. Green & Co., for lumber, $2 20; Powell, Allen & Brickenden, sheeting, $4 30; total, $177 50. Adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Browne, chairman: 1. The Special Committee, to whom was referred the removal of obstruction on Colborne street and the railway track on Colborne street, beg leave to report as follows: 1. Your Committee have interviewed Mr. Stiff and Hobson, of the G. T. R., relative to these matters, but no definite conclusion arrived at, they wishing to look into the subject, and promising to give an answer at an early date. We would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the new Council, to be placed in the hands of the members of No. 3 ward to report upon in the near future. Adopted.

Ald. Hook moved and Ald. Lilley seconded—That the Militia and Exhibition Grounds Committee be discharged and that thanks be tendered Ald. Green for the able manner in which he had brought the matter to an issue. Carried.

ALD. GREEN SUBMITTED THE RAILWAY REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

To His Worship the Mayor and Council:

The Railway Committee beg leave to report that we met a deputation from the G. T. Railway, Mr. Wainwright, assistant manager, and other officials, who say the company have in the past, and will in the future, strictly carry out the terms of the lease of the L. & P. S. Railway, and if the citizens can show any way in which the terms of the lease have not been strictly adhered to they would like to know it, and have the wrong corrected.

But claim the terms of the lease do not call for rebuilding the car shops, as they have always employed more men in or near the city than the terms of the lease calls for, but hope before long the company will see their way clear for the erection and extention of the shops here.

The railway claim they have given London as good rates as is enjoyed by St. Thomas from similar points, and will place London in the future on the same footing as St. Thomas. But if the citizens are determined to procure railway competition suggest the advisability of the Council opening negotiations with Mr. Hickson, general manager of the railway, for the surrender of the lease of the L. & P. S. Railway; as for giving other railways running powers over the road in place of building the proposed new line of railway, as they wish to retain the good-will